

Paffrey July 11th 1871 -

My Own Dearest Leonard:

Ten thousand
thanks for your dear precious letter rec'd
last eve - I cannot tell you how pleased
I was to get it - It did seem so good to
hear from you Dearest again, after such
a long long time - I hoped every day ^{last week} that
the boarders would bring me a letter - and
Saturday tho I surely ~~tho~~ would - I felt quite
disappointed, for I did want to hear from you
so much - and it is so much easier to
write when have one to answer - ^{still} I should
have written Thursday as usual if could
have got a chance - but Henry Wheeler
came that p.m. just as I had got the
work done up, and staid till after breakfast
the next morning so that all my spare time

was ~~all~~ taken up - I thought then would wait
till Monday and perhaps should have a letter to
answer - I would have written last eve, but
it was nine before I got my work done then
I was too tired & sleepy - guess I have as
hard a chance to write as you for it is
seldom that I have any spare time till after
nine at night then my eyes will not let me
do any thing - my health is very good, and
I feel first rate - have a good appetite &c.
seems as if I felt stronger than when in it -
we have had very comfortable weather till
within a week past - have had some pretty
warm days - we have had a nice rain
this p.m. which we needed very much
as it was getting to be very dry again - The
folks commenced haying yesterday - the
grass is very tight and the hay crop will
be small - Mr. Poole sold the grass on
uncle Joseph's place yesterday a.m. for
bought \$1⁹⁰ worth - the whole brought
over \$1¹³, ^{\$ dollars} more than it ever brought before
Jed commenced work for Mr. A. Carter
yesterday - he has \$2.00 per day through
this month then \$1.75 as long as he wants
him - he stays there nights for we haven't
any place for him to sleep now - Miss Sweet
came last Friday & took their room, and

we expect her two sisters this week - if they are
as sweet as she is - know we shall like them
very much - for she seems sweeter than ever
so different from any of our other boarders - (It
did seem so good to see her again - wish
you could see her, for she is as sweet as her
name -) Love occupies the north chamber,
and Sarah & I have the bed-room chamber -
but we have been fixing up at the Domicile
today, and are going out there to sleep tonight
all except Love - she will keep her room till
some one comes to occupy it - I assure you
we look pretty agreeable there - have our floor
carpeted &c. We have eight boarders now -
mother rec'd a letter from Charlie Fox
yesterday, asking if we could take a
gentleman & lady & child - but I don't see
how we can - not if all come that we expect -
wish we had a few more rooms - for a few more
wouldn't make the work much harder -
Uncle Daniel was over yesterday and left
mother some medicine for her cough -
I hope it will help it - for we have felt
quite anxious about her - she had it before
I came on and it has seemed to grow worse
all the time - she raises a good deal
and has real hard coughing spells -
I can see that it wears upon - don't know

what we should do if mother should get sick -
but I am in hopes she will be better soon -
she rubs Soding on the outside where
she feels the trouble - Sarah has a bad
cough too - and she & Lillie were about
used up last week had a bad head ~~ach~~
aches every day - so they had a hard work
to get their ironing done - but they feel better
now - Am glad to hear you keep well and
that everything is doing so well - about
the peaches you can put up as many as you
think best - no danger of getting too many
would put a quarter of a pound of sugar to
a can - think that is what he did -
Am sorry Joel's dropped off - if you had
ploughed round the trees, wouldn't it prevented
it? hope your grapes will stay on - we rec'd a
letter from Hannie ^{last} week ~~last~~ - think she
has seen a pretty hard time since they left
v - I feel sorry for them - The 4th Janice
took a ride on the cars to Peterboro - Joel & Lillie
dine & I've rode over towards night and gave
John a call - Joel paid him \$4.00 so so that
he only owes him now the \$3.00 - Mr. Lamm
owes Joel considerable yet - he earned two dollars
a day all last month - Father paid his taxes
the last day of June ~~at~~ \$16.00 or about that
Joel is taxed \$2.00 I believe - Well it is time
for me to close this scrawl tho I would
like very much to write more for have not
said half I want to - hope you will excuse
this poor return for yours - and I will try
to hear again soon - please don't wait as long
as you did - will you? - Will send love to
you and little Lillie a kiss - when I ask
him where uncle Leonard is he says "down
to Vineland all alone" and looks so sober over
it - said the other day that he would go and stay
with him - Please accept a heartful of love
and many regards from your ever loving May -



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